

Appln. No. 09/931,336  
Amendment dated December 27, 2005  
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 10 and 26 through 33 remain in this application. Claims 8, 11 through 25, 28, and 34 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

Claims 8 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ludwig (EP 833,295 A1).

Claims 8 and 28 have been cancelled, and therefore the rejection of claims 8 and 28 is submitted to be moot.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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